(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Central allocation Year		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
IRDP	234.00	208.00	343.00
JRY	264.54	258.01	258.01

(b) and (c) The above programmes are evaluated from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development through reputed/independent Research. lnstitu-uons'organisations to assess the impact of these programmes. The 4th round survey of Concurrent Evaluation of IRDP and 2nd round survey of JRY are in progress to evaluate in effect ive-Yiess of these programmes.

Development programmes in Rural and Tribal areas under New Industrial Policy

3225. SHRI D1LIP SINGH JUDEV): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the deiails of development programmes started by the Union Government under the new Industrial Policy in the rural and tribal areas of the country in each state:

(a) the details of development program-are being implemented;

(c) whether any machinery has been set up to ensure that people of rural and tribal areas actually get the benefits of these programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of such beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHA1 PATEL): (a) to (e) No new programme for the Rural and Tribal Areas of the country have been started as an off-Shoot of the New Industrial Policy. However, for tribal and Rural areas, the program-. mes for income and employment generation are continuing for quite a long time. These include the Development of Khadi and Village Industries and special Employment Programme initiated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Conversion of wasteland into arable land

3226. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the actual area of wastelands in the country. State-wise;

(b) the efforts so far made or proposed to be made by Government to make the wastelands arable. State-wise: and

(c) the details of research made in the direction of converting the wastelands into arable land to ensure higher production of foodgrains and other agriculture commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) The Department of Wastelands Development has commissioned National Wastelands Identification Project with the collaboration of the National Remote Sensing Agency. Under this Programme 228 districts in the country having more than 5 per cent of the geographical area as wastelands have been mapped. Precise information regarding the whole country is not available; however according to one estimate, the total extent of wastelands in the country is 129.57 I million hectares. State-wise details of